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1. The hangars of the Koethen (M 52/D 95) airfield (location see Annex) were closed between 7 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. There was no flying in spite of clear weather. Nine single-engine low-wing monoplanes, the in-line engines and cockpits of which were covered with tarpaulins, were parked in front of a hangar.

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Except for guards no soldiers were to be seen at the field. About 35 to 40 air force officers and motor vehicles were seen in the Junkers settlement north of the railroad line.

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2. About 40 workers were unloading 23 railroad carloads of gravel and making boardings at the building site on the southern edge of the field. There was a 16 x 50-meter shed filled with cement at kilometer station 3.9 on the road to Baasdorf (M 52/D 95). A row of bushes was planted from the border of the building site toward the west.

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3. A fuel dump had recently been constructed north of the hangars on the eastern border of the field. It consisted of 8 to 10 tanks about 6 meters long and 1.5 meters in diameter. The dump was guarded by two sentries and illuminated at night by several lamps.

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Comment:

- a. Report supplements a previous report. The observed fighters probably belong to the air reconnaissance regiment stationed at the field. Besides this regiment a ground attack regiment is assumed to be stationed at the field.

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- b. The construction work mentioned in paras 2 and 3 is confirmed.

1 Annex: Koethen Airfield (sketch on ditto).

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